

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following new paragraph after line 23 on page 3:

Fig. 4 is a partial front section view of the actuator mechanism of the apparatus of this invention.

Please replace the paragraph starting on line 25 of page 3 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention is embodied in a test cartridge 10 having a plurality of test cells 11, preferably six such cells, depending from and integral with a cartridge plate 12 having a frond depending skirt or panel 14. The cartridge is adapted to be inserted into a test apparatus such as shown in Fig. 4 and described in detail in U.S. Pat. 4,599,219 for the determination of clotting time of an aliquot blood sample inserted into each test cell 11 as described in detail in said patent. For example, as described in column 17, lines 24-31 of U.S. Patent No. 4,599,219, the upward and downward movement of the slide rods 388 also lifts and lowers the lift wire 372. As shown in Fig. 4 of the present invention (Fig. 17 of U.S. Patent No. 4,599,219), upper ends 405 of the slide rods 388 align with the outer ends of the lift wire 372 when the top cover assembly 318 is in the forward position. As the slide rods move vertically, the ends 405 contact and raise and then lower the lift wire. The plunger assembly 210 is thereby lifted and lowered by the slide assembly.